

accordance with a schedule so that those with the most serious health problems related to asbestos exposure would receive the most money, with maximum damages capped at \$1 million; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 852 has drawn reservations and opposition from many members of the United States Congress, organized labor and consumer groups, and some insurance companies, arguing that the bill would allow big businesses to avoid financial responsibility and that the fund would not adequately compensate all of the victims; and

Whereas, because contributions to the trust fund are capped at \$27.5 million per company per year, several Fortune 500 companies stand to save billions of dollars under the bill and many companies will be liable for only 10 to 20 cents of every dollar that they would have owed if the cases went to court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House opposes the "Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005," currently pending in the United States Senate as Senate Bill 852.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Congress of the United States elected from this State.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-87).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1099. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1647. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the windfall elimination provision and protect the retirement of public servants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1648. A bill for the relief of Guy Vang, Genevieve Chong Fong, Caroline Vang, and Meline "Melanie" Vang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1649. A bill to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1650. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1651. A bill to assist certain Iraqis who have worked directly with, or are threatened by their association with, the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1652. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to trade adjustment assistance for textile and apparel workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1653. A bill to implement the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1654. A bill to prohibit the sale or provision of caller ID spoofing services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 1655. A bill to establish improved mandatory standards to protect miners during emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1656. A bill to authorize loans for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency projects under the Express Loan Program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1657. A bill to establish a small business energy efficiency program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1658. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide protection for child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1659. A bill to limit the simultaneous deployment to combat zones of dual-military couples who have minor dependents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1660. A bill to require studies on support services for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1661. A bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1662. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1663. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the

New Markets Venture Capital Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 239. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Administration should rigorously enforce the laws of the United States to substantially reduce illegal immigration and greatly improve border security; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a